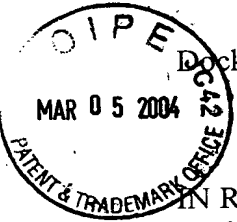


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Docket No. 926502-921616

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF
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SERIAL NO: 10/088,698

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FOR: Sealing Gasket with Magnetic
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- [x] Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the 2nd month after the due date of January 4, 2004. The payment of \$420.00 to cover the two-month extension is enclosed herewith.

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The present communication responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2003. Applicant encloses herewith a check to cover the two-month extension fee. Prior to the present communication, claims 1-19 were pending. Claims 5-9, 18 and 19 were objected to as improper multiple dependent claims and not further treated on the merits. Claims 1-4 and 10-17 were rejected in view of the cited art. The claims were also rejected under §112, 2nd paragraph for being indefinite. The present communication cancels claims 1, 10, and 13, amends claims 2-9, 11-12 and 14-19, and adds new independent claims 20-22. The amendments to the specification begin on page 4.

The present communication amends the abstract. The amendments to the abstract begin on page 3.

The remarks begin on page 20.

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